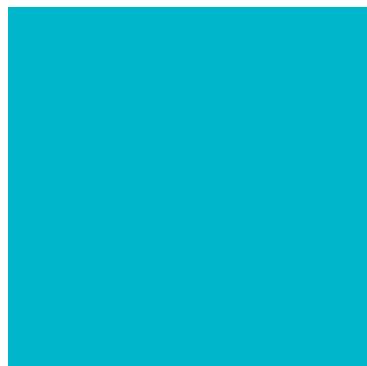
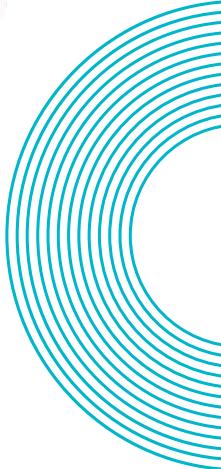


Embrace Relief

Impact Report

2025



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President

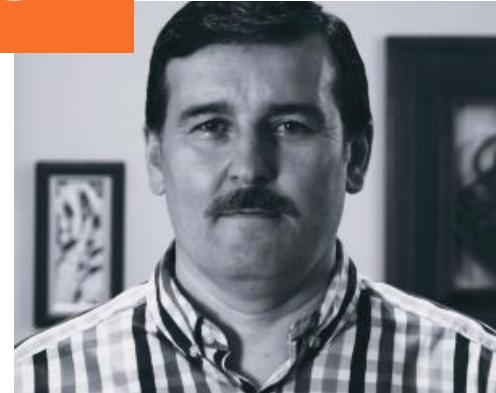
Dr. Yilmaz is a practicing CPA and firm director with over 30 years experience in accounting and business administration. He holds a Master's degree in economics from Northeastern University, Boston and a PhD in accounting from Istanbul University.



Galip Kiyakli, MBA

Treasurer

Chief Operations Officer at Nema Food Dist. Inc with 20 years of diverse experience in all aspects of business administrations. Mr. Kiyakli holds an MBA from Point Park University, PA (2003) and a BSc in Environmental Engineering from Istanbul University (1996).



Osman Dulgeroglu

Secretary of the Board of Directors

Mr. Dulgeroglu holds a B.S. in Biology from Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey, and an M.S. in Nonprofit Administration from Louisiana State University. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Advocates of Silenced Turkey (AST), a role he has held since July 2024.



William Alexander Morel, MFA

Member

William A. Morel is an award-winning artist and Associate Professor of Art and Design at St. John's University. He has created editorials and documentaries for international aid organizations including PAHO-WHO, the OAS, and Accion International. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally since 1995.



Mehmet S. Keskin

Member

Mr. Keskin joined Embrace Relief's Board of Directors in August 2021, bringing extensive experience in education and humanitarian service. He previously served as Education Coordinator for FEBA and held leadership roles including Math Department Chair and Director of Evaluation and Growth in Houston. He holds a B.Sc. from Middle East Technical University and an M.Ed. from the University of Texas, along with administrative certifications in Texas and New Jersey.

A Year of Impact



800,000
people benefitting
from Embrace
Relief programs in
20+ countries



2025 was a year that revealed both the fragility and resilience of people around the globe. Communities everywhere continue to navigate the many challenges of our time, from food insecurity and economic instability to spreading conflict and the growing impact of climate change. Yet even as threats to humanity's basic needs and long-term stability mount, millions of people continue to work together in search of **a better future: one where all people live productive, peaceful, and dignified lives – together.**



Against this backdrop, Embrace Relief remains steadfast in its mission to meet urgent needs while restoring hope. This year, with the generosity of our donors, the collaboration of our partners, and the dedication of volunteers around the globe, we reached more than **800,000 people across 20+ countries** through our humanitarian relief programs. This collective impact, which is detailed in the following 2025 **Impact Report**, reflects the power of compassion translated into action. As we move forward, we do so with deep gratitude and optimism, committed to continuing our work to ease hardship and strengthen communities wherever the need is greatest.

International Relief

Since 2013, Embrace Relief's mission has been to deliver research-based, sustainable support for vulnerable communities everywhere – without regard to race, ethnicity, class, national origin, religion, gender, or political opinions. Through the support of our global network of partner organizations, donors, and volunteers, our eight international programs continue to make an impact in a world that continues to face numerous humanitarian challenges.

Hunger Relief



Total Impact:

- **588,000+ people** receiving food packages, meat packages or hot meals

International Hunger Relief:

- **316,000 people** in **22 countries** received food packages or meat packages during Ramadan and Qurbani 2025

Total Impact:
588,000+
people



176,000 
people received
Ramadan food
packages

140,000 
people received
Qurbani meat
packages



Tanzania Food Aid:

- **272,000 people** in Tanzania received "MannaPack Rice" food packs, containing vitamin- and nutrient-rich meals, through Embrace Relief's partnership with **Feed My Starving Children**



Clean Water



**Total Impact:
140,000+
people**



140 newly built or reconstructed water wells serving approximately 140,000 people in 2025, in addition to the more than 1,000 active water wells opened by Embrace Relief since 2013

Clean Water Initiative:



**99 newly
constructed
water wells**
in 2025

Fountains of Hope



**41 broken
water wells
rebuilt**
in 2025



5K Walkathon:



- Embrace Relief held its **4th annual "How Far Can You Walk" 5K Walkathon** to support the Fountains of Hope program on June 21.



Health/ Cataract



Total Impact:

- **5,364 people** provided with cataract surgeries and health screenings

**Total Impact:
5,364+
people**

4,219



people in Mali provided with **free health screenings**

1,145



people in Mali had their sight restored with a **free cataract surgery**



New Mobile clinic:



- In February, Embrace Relief opened up a new mobile medical facility, a renovated truck containing **operating rooms**, which has been **traveling to rural areas of Mali** to provide direct care to populations who otherwise lack access



Orphan Care

213 children in 7 countries received total support from Embrace Relief in our network of **9 partner orphanages**:



Safe, Stable Housing



Nutritious Food



Tuition Support



Health Insurance

Total Impact:
213+
children

Ghana
Benin
Congo
Uganda
Kenya
Indonesia



New Partners:

4 new orphanages began partnering with Embrace Relief in 2025:

- Aisha Orphanage, Uganda
- Kibuli Orphanage, Uganda
- Vikponagninou Orphanage, Benin
- Education Our Gift Orphanage, Kenya

Refugee Relief



231 refugee families receiving cash assistance, rent support, and food packages



Lebanon:

- **200 displaced families** in Lebanon received cash assistance through a partnership with Embrace Relief and **USA for UNHCR**, the UN refugee agency. This program enabled refugee families to **access the food, housing, medicine, clothing, and other necessities** they need to rebuild their lives.

Greece:

- **31 families** supported with **monthly cash grants for rent and kitchen essentials**. Furthermore, our teams have **delivered two truckloads of food packages, ensuring 700 families have food** on their tables Greece.

Total Impact:
231
families



Women's Empowerment



**Total Impact:
104+
women**

104 women receiving **education and skill training** to build independent and successful lives for themselves and their families.



80 Women in Uganda

completed a **250-hour course** to learn professional **tailoring skills**

24 Afghan Young Women

took part in our **online education program** in 2025



Domestic Relief: Embrace USA



In 2025, Embrace Relief launched its newest program, **Embrace USA**, an initiative created to build on our international programs' success and deliver the same kind of our critical aid for our most vulnerable neighbors. With chapters now active across the country – from our home office in New Jersey to Chicago, Texas, Los Angeles, and more – and preparations to celebrate **America's 250th anniversary** in 2026 well underway, Embrace USA will only continue to grow and make powerful impacts for our own communities every day.



Hunger Relief



Total Impact:
2,000+
people



Total Impact:

- **2,000+ families** received fresh produce, hot meals, food packages and more from Embrace USA chapter distributions in 2025

Mobile Farmers' Market:

13,000
pounds of fresh produce and nonperishable foods distributed to families at Embrace USA's **monthly distribution**

Table to Table Tuesdays:

16,000
bags of food were provided to support the **Disabled Combat Veterans Youth Program's** weekly food distribution



Thanksgiving Turkey Drive 2025:



- **1,600 families** received **frozen turkeys** and **nutritious meals** from Embrace USA at events held across the country. This included 950 turkeys distributed the week of Thanksgiving, with distribution events including:

- Embrace USA Mobile Farmers' Market (Clifton, NJ)
- DCVYP Table to Table Tuesday (Englewood, NJ)
- Oasis Thanksgiving Luncheon Giveaway (Paterson, NJ)
- Food For Hope with Sen. Britnee Timberlake (East Orange, NJ)
- Thanksgiving Meal Distribution with MET Church (Houston, TX)
- Ojala Foundation Food Drive (Chicago, IL)



400 American Families
received **food packages** and **meat packages** as part of our Ramadan and Qurbani hunger relief campaigns



Pop-up Distributions:



- **250 families** received **fresh produce** and **nonperishable foods** at pop-up distributions held in Orange, East Orange, and Clifton, NJ

Hot Food Distributions:



- **150 unhoused people** received **hot food** and **winter clothing** at three events hosted by the Embrace USA Midwest chapter

Children & Students



**Total Impact:
20,000+
children**

20,000+ underprivileged children received **school supplies, clothing, hot meals, gifts, and more** from Embrace USA chapter events in 2025



4,296 backpacks

containing **school supplies** were distributed to underprivileged students

105 children received gift cards

for a **holiday “shopping spree”** to buy school supplies, toys and more

920 Children Received Gifts

during our **Toy Drives** and **Holiday Gift distributions** in 2025

16,000 t-shirts

were distributed to children in need in 2025

Mothers & Families

510 mothers and mothers-to-be received supplies to support their children at Embrace USA chapter events



Community Baby Showers:

460 expectant mothers received baby supplies—including diapers, wipes, bottles, clothing, and more



Valentine's Day Dinner:

50 mothers and children received gift bags and toys at a special dinner hosted in Newark by our partners at **Yolanda's L.O.V.E.**



Neighbors in Need

390 of our neighbors received **necessities** and **good cheer** from Embrace USA chapter events



150+ 
people received new and gently used **clothes**

45+ 
senior citizens were given gifts and care items

45+ **unhoused** people received **winter clothing** and **fresh produce**

Our West chapter **repaired garden fences** to assist in the safety of an elderly widow in Lake Forest, CA

Military Veterans

Veterans Day Dinner:



- 5 veterans were honored for service** to their communities at our first annual Veterans Day Dinner Nov. 6 in Wayne. This event was hosted by the **Turkish Cultural Center of NJ**, and made possible through a partnership with the **Disabled Combat Veterans Youth Program** and **Peace Islands Institute**.



Disaster Relief



3,900 people received critical, urgent aid in the wake of natural disasters



Texas Flood Relief

1,400 families received emergency aid following the deadly flash floods that struck central Texas in July. Along with our partners at the **Raindrop Foundation**, Embrace Relief provided **food, water, first aid materials, hygiene kits** and other critical items.



California Wildfire Relief

800 people received emergency aid following the devastating wildfires that affected the Los Angeles area in January. With the support of our partners at the **Pacifica Institute**, Embrace Relief provided critical materials including **food, water, winter blankets, clothing, shoes, and baby items** to those who have been displaced from their homes by the fires.



Group Fundraising

Group Fundraising was a strong pillar of Embrace Relief's impact in 2025. This initiative, which invites humanitarian-minded student groups and clubs, community groups, companies and other organizations to create a custom project to help people in need around the world.

Launch your own Group Fundraising program by scanning the Qr Code.



Total Impact:



- **25 groups** completed Group Fundraising campaigns in 2025, supporting a wide range of **humanitarian projects** aligned with Embrace Relief's programs

Travel Abroad:



- **13** of these **groups traveled abroad** to directly implement and oversee their projects,

**Total Impact:
25
groups**



19 water wells
constructed
and bathroom
renovations



6 orphanages
renovated
to provide
children with a
safe and **secure**
place to live

94 cataract
surgeries
funded for people
who otherwise
could not afford the
procedure

130 food
packages
distributed to families
in 5 distribution
events + **20 egg-**
distribution initiatives

Families in Need:



- Groups funded the distribution of **35 goats, 20 bicycles, and mattresses and sheets** to support families' basic needs



250 Years of the American Spirit

Are You Ready To Celebrate With Kindness?



As we approach America's 250th anniversary, we're transforming this historic milestone into more than a celebration—it's a call to serve.

Together, we're mobilizing communities across the country to lead with generosity, meet real needs, and strengthen local impact through compassion and action.

Join the movement. Serve with purpose. Make history meaningful.



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Code to get
involved!

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